

R2-20-702. Use of Campaign Funds

- A. A participating candidate shall use funds in the candidate's current campaign account to pay for goods and services for direct campaign purposes only. Funds shall be disbursed and reported in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-948(C).
- B. A participating candidate's payment from a campaign account to a political committee or civic organization is not a contribution if the payment is reasonable in relation to the value received. Payment of customary charges for services rendered, such as for printing voter or telephone lists, and payment of not more than \$200 per person to attend a political event open to the public or to party members shall be considered reasonable in relation to the value received.
- C. A participating candidate shall not use funds in the candidate's campaign account for:
 - 1. Costs of legal defense in any campaign law enforcement proceeding.
 - 2. Food and beverages for staff and volunteers exceeding \$11 for breakfast, \$16 for lunch, and \$27 for dinner, per person.
 - 3. Personal use, which includes, but is not limited to, any item listed below:
 - a. Household food items or supplies.
 - b. Clothing, other than items of de minimis value that are used in the campaign, such as campaign "t-shirts" or caps with campaign slogans.
 - c. Tuition payments, other than those associated with training campaign staff.
 - d. Mortgage, loan, rent, lease or utility payments.
 - e. Admission to a sporting event, concert, theater or other form of entertainment, unless part of a specific campaign activity.
 - f. Dues, fees or gratuities at a country club, health club, recreational facility or other nonpolitical organization, unless they are part of the costs of a specific fundraising event that takes place on the organization's premises.
 - g. Gifts or donations.
 - h. Extended warranties or other similar purchase options that extend beyond the campaign.
 - 4. For any part of any personal residence of the candidate or a member of the candidate's family; or
 - 5. For real or personal property that is owned or leased by the candidate or a member of the candidate's family and used for campaign purposes, to the extent the payments exceed the fair market value of the property usage.
 - 6. Fixed assets with a value in excess of \$800, provided the item is for a sufficient campaign use. Fixed assets that can be used for non-campaign purposes with a value of \$200 or more that were purchased with campaign funds shall be turned in to the Commission no later than one week after the primary election or the general election if the candidate was successful in the primary. A candidate may elect to reimburse the Commission for 75% of the original purchase price of the item instead of turning in the item.
 - 7. A joint campaign expenditure with a nonparticipating candidate who has previously triggered matching funds for the participating candidate during the primary or general election cycle in which the proposed expenditure is to take place.
- D. During the primary election period, a participating candidate shall not make any expenditure greater than the difference between (1) the sum of early contributions received plus public funds disbursed through the primary election period; less (2) all other expenditures made during and for the exploratory, qualifying and primary election periods.

- E. During the general election period, a participating candidate shall not make any expenditure greater than the difference between (1) the amount of public funds disbursed during and for the general election period; less (2) all other expenditures made during and for the general election period.